

March 14, 2014

**TO THE HONORABLE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE SEWERAGE AND WATER BOARD OF NEW ORLEANS:**

A regular meeting of the **Executive Committee** of the Sewerage and Water Board was called to order on Friday, March 14, 2014 at 9:00 AM in the Board Room at 625 St. Joseph Street.

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present:** Florence Schornstein, Acting Committee Chair  
Mark M. Moody  
Glen Pilie

**Also in Attendance:** Robert Miller, Interim Executive Director; Nolan Lambert, Special Counsel; Brian Ferrara, Deputy Special Counsel; Harold Marchand, Legal Counsel; Joseph Becker, General Superintendent; Robert Jackson, Community & Intergovernmental Relations Director; Alvin Porter, EDBP Department; Bobby Nathan, Equal Employment Opportunity Director (EEOC); Kathleen LaFrance, Executive Director's Office; Tiffany Julien, Revenue Administration Department; Brenda Thornton, Communirep, Inc.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Selection of Acting Committee Chair**

Upon motion and second, Mrs. Schornstein was appointed as acting chair of the Executive Committee for this meeting.

**Approval of Previous Report**

The Committee reviewed and approved the previous report from February 7, 2014.

The Committee considered the following forwarded action items of the Operations Committee Agenda as follows:

**Bid Recommendations – DBE Participation**

The Interim EDBP Director, Mr. Alvin Porter, provided information and an overview of the subject contracts and bid recommendations for the month of March.

**Contract #8132 – Hurricane Katrina Related Repairs to Garage #1 and the Generator Building at Central Yard**

Mr. Porter reported that on Friday, February 14, 2014, three bids were received for subject contract. The bid totals are as follows:

Tuna Construction	\$1,185,000.00
Industrial & Mechanical Contractors, Inc.	\$1,204,500.00
Hamps Construction	Non-Responsive

The estimated budget is \$1,410,350.00 Thirty-six (36%) SLDBE participation was requested on this contract. The apparent lowest bidder, Tuna Construction, submitted the following subcontractors:

B&S Equipment Co., Inc. (eligible certified SLDBE) to perform demolition of interior and interior renovation  
\$137,400.00 – 11.59%

Perle Construction Materials, LLC (eligible certified SLDBE) to provide material supplies  
\$100,000.00 – 8.44%

EZ Lopez Painting & Drywall, LLC (eligible certified SLDBE) to provide drywall and paint  
\$20,000.00 – 1.69%

Dillon Bros. Ready Mix Concrete, LLC (eligible certified SLDBE) to provide concrete  
\$500.00 – 0.04%

Roof Concepts (non-certified subcontractor) to remove and re-install wall panels and roof  
\$215,000.00 – 18.14%

SLDBE Participation totals:	\$257,900.00 – 21.76%
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Tuna Construction, LLC, failed to meet the 36% SLDBE Participation goal, or submit a documented Good Faith Effort with a notarized affidavit.

The apparent second lowest bidder, Industrial & Mechanical Contractors, Inc., submitted the following subcontractors:

RLH Investments (eligible certified SLDBE) to construct metal roof system, parapet, generator shed building, framing, and insulation  
\$346,000.00 – 28.73%

Joseph Electric, Inc. (eligible certified SLDBE) to perform demolition  
\$160,000.00 – 13.28%

SLDBE Participation totals: \$506,000.00 – 42.01%

Based upon analysis of SLDBE participation, the Economically Disadvantaged Business Program recommends that the SLDBE participation submitted by Tuna Construction, LLC be rejected, and the SLDBE participation submitted by Industrial & Mechanical Contractors, Inc., be accepted.

The above referenced bid recommendation on subject contract #8132 with DBE participation was approved by a motion of Mr. Mark M. Moody and seconded by Mr. Glen Pilie, and the motion carried.

### **Construction Review Committee**

The Construction Review Committee met on February 26, 2014 and made the following recommendations.

### **Open Market Contracts**

#### **Open Market, 36% DBE Participation, no renewal options**

1. Contract #30007      Restoration of Existing Gravity Sewer Mains Damaged by Hurricane Katrina by Excavation and Replacement from Manhole-to-Manhole CIPP Lining from Manhole-to-Manhole and Point Repairs at Various Sites throughout Orleans Parish  
  
Estimated Cost:      \$5,000,000.00  
Areas of Participation: Excavation, Replacement, Manhole Rehabilitation, Point Repairs, Sidewalks, Driveways, and Streets  
Source of funding is FEMA Reimbursable
  
2. Contract #30012      Rehabilitation of Existing Sewer Manholes Damaged by Hurricane Katrina by Replacement and/or adjustment of Existing Frames and Covers, Full and Partial Internal Cementious Lining and Associated Restoration at Various Sites Throughout Orleans Parish  
  
Estimated Cost:      \$4,000,000.00  
Areas of Participation: Replacement of frame and cover, installation of cementious liner; Installation of insolation pad; installation of inflow pan; pump Setup; pavement, driveway, sod and curb restoration  
Source of funding is FEMA Reimbursable

3. Contract #30013      Rehabilitation of Existing Sewer Manholes Damaged by Hurricane Katrina by Replacement and/or adjustment of Existing Frames and Covers, Full and Partial Internal Cementious Lining and Associated Restoration at Various Sites Throughout Orleans Parish

Estimated Cost:      \$4,000,000.00

Areas of Participation: Replacement of frame and cover; installation of cementious liner; Installation of isolation pad; installation of inflow pan; pump setup; pavement, driveway, sod and curb restoration  
Source of funding is FEMA Reimbursable

**Open Market, 25% DBE Participation, no renewal options**

Contract #1365      Repair and Mitigate Chemical Corrosion and Build Ferric Sulfate Trough at the Algiers Water Plant

Estimated Cost:      \$400,000.00

Suggested Goal:      25%

Areas of Participation: Site preparation, concrete, hauling, remove and restore corroded Material, industrial coating  
Source of funding is Water System Funds

**Open Market, 20% DBE Participation, no renewal options**

Contract #30011      Replacement of Sewer Force Main on Memphis St. between Filmore Ave. and Lane St.

Estimated Cost:      \$375,000.00

Suggested Goal:      20%

Areas of Participation: Restoration of pavement, fill existing SFM with flowable fill  
Source of funding is Sewer System Funds

Contract #1375      Katrina Related Repairs to Boiler Repair/Duct Repair/Elevator Repair, Turbine Controls Inventory and Auxiliaries at the Main Water Purification Plant Power Complex

Estimated Cost:      \$15,902,669.00

Suggested Goal:      20%

Areas of Participation: Boiler/condenser de-scaling/tube replacement, re-insulation of Basement ducts, elevator repair, replace equipment used during recovery, replace instrumentation components including transmitters, controllers, transducers, analyzers and sensors, electrical demolition, low voltage installations, structural work/welding  
Source of funding is FEMA Reimbursable

The above referenced Contract Review Committee recommendations on subject contract with DBE participation was approved by a motion of Mr. Mark M. Moody and seconded by Mr. Glen Pilie, and the motion carried.

### **Staff Contract Review Committee**

The Staff Contract Review Committee met on February 18, 2014, and made the following recommendations.

#### **Open Market Contracts**

##### **Open Market, 35% SLDBE Participation, no renewal options.**

1. RFQ for Engineering and Consulting Services for Replacement and Rehabilitation of S&WB Facilities

Estimated Cost:	To Be Determined Upon Review
Areas of Participation:	Architectural and Engineering services in the areas of: Civil/Environmental, Electrical, Geotechnical, Landscaping, Mechanical and Structural

Funding Source:  
Operating and Maintenance Budget

##### **Open Market, 0% SLDBE Participation, three (3) years with two (2) one-year renewal options.**

2. RFP for Pension Fund Investment Consulting Services  
Estimated Cost: To Be Determined Upon Review  
Percentage Goal Justification: Does not lend itself to SLDBE participation because the product will be acquired from a single source due to the highly specialized nature of the services involved.

Funding Source:  
Operating and Maintenance Budget

##### **Open Market, 0% SLDBE Participation, one (1) year with a one year (1) year renewal options.**

3. Furnishing Lime  
Estimated Cost: \$265,000.00  
Percentage Goal Justification: Does not lend itself to SLDBE participation because product is a sole source item shipped directly from The manufacturer in specialized vehicles

Funding Source:  
Operating and Maintenance Budget

4. Furnishing Rough Pine and Oak Hardware Lumber  
Estimated Cost: \$75,000.00  
Percentage Goal Justification: Does not lend itself to SLDBE participation because product is a sole source item shipped directly from the manufacturer.

Funding Source:  
Operating and Maintenance Budget

### **Renewal Contracts**

5. Furnishing Safety Supplies  
Budget Amount: \$142,504.92  
Prime Contractor: Southeast Safety & Supply  
Subcontractor: Assorted Products, Inc.

Funding Source:  
Operating and Maintenance Budget

The DBE participation goal is 30.00%. The DBE participation achieved is 32.31%

6. Furnishing Hand Tools, Hardware Supplies, Paint and Paint Supplies  
Renewal Cost: \$362,479.75  
Prime Contractor: Assorted Products, Inc.  
Subcontractor: Westbank Paper and Janitorial Supplies

Funding Source: S&WB  
Operating and Maintenance Budget

The DBE participation goal is 30.00%. The DBE participation achieved is 30.85%

### **Third Renewal of five (5), one (1) year renewal options, 0% SLDBE participation.**

7. Furnishing Water Sampling and MS4 Storm Water Annual Report Services  
Renewal Cost: \$62,500.00  
Prime Contractor: Veolia Waters  
Percentage Goal Justification: Does not lend itself to SLDBE participation because the sub-contracting portion of this contract has been complete and the remainder of the contract is limited to sampling and reporting.

Funding Source:  
Operating and Maintenance Budget

First and Final renewal, 0% DBE participation.

8. Furnishing Hoses and Hose Accessories  
Renewal Cost: \$172,960.33  
Prime Contractor: Atlas Hose & Gasket Company, LLC  
Percentage Goal Justification: Does not lend itself to SLDBE participation because product is a sole source item shipped directly from the manufacturer.

Funding Source:  
Operating and Maintenance Budget

The above referenced Staff Contract Review Committee recommendations on subject contracts with DBE participation were approved by a motion of Mr. Mark M. Moody and seconded by Mr. Glen Pilie, and the motion carried.

#### **Renewal Construction Contract with DBE Participation**

##### **Contract #30008 – Restoration of Existing Gravity Sewer by Point Repair and CIPP Lining Sewer Mains at Various Sites throughout Orleans Parish**

The Prime Contractor is Wallace C. Drennan, Inc. The DBE participation goal is 36%. The DBE participation achieved is 43%. Therefore, the Economically Disadvantaged Business Program recommends that subject contract be renewed.

The above referenced subject contract was approved by motion of Mr. Mark M. Moody and seconded by Mr. Glen Pilie, and the motion carried.

#### **Final Acceptance Contracts with DBE Participation**

##### **Contract #1337 – Sodium Hypochlorite Bulk Storage/Feed Facility at MWPP**

The Prime Contractor is Lou-Con Inc. The SLDBE participation goal is 27%. The SLDBE participation achieved is 24.4%.

Based upon supporting statements and documentation provided by the prime contractor and Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans' project manager, the Economically Disadvantaged Business Program finds that the prime contractor made a Good Faith Effort to meet the SLDBE participation goal and recommends that the participation on subject contract be approved for final acceptance.

The above referenced subject contract was approved by motion of Mr. Mark M. Moody and seconded by Mr. Glen Pilie, and the motion carried.

**Contract #8140 – Hurricane Katrina Related Repairs at the Carrollton Water Plant & Intake #1**

The Prime Contractor is MST Enterprises, LLC. The DBE participation goal is 36%. The DBE participation achieved is 37.35%.

The Economically Disadvantaged Business Program recommends that the SLDBE participation on subject contract be approved for final acceptance.

The above referenced subject contract was approved by motion of Mr. Mark M. Moody and seconded by Mr. Glen Pilie, and the motion carried.

**State of Louisiana, Department of Transportation & Development, Authorization to Advertise Florida Avenue Canal Phases II and III, State Project No. 576-36-0012 – (R-048-2014)**

Mr. Becker provided background information regarding the request for the Board's authorization to advertise the Phase II and Phase III of the SELA projects for the Florida Avenue Canal. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has post-poned this bid for one month. It is staff recommendation to defer this matter for one month and to bring it back to the Infrastructure Committee at its April meeting.

Mrs. Schornstein requested for staff to provide visuals on the progress of the SELA projects regarding how the demolished streets would look following their construction projects including the landscaping.

Mr. Becker stated the SELA projects are in the early process stage and the final outlook of the projects will be a joint recommendation from the U.S. Corps and the community.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

Mr. Miller provided an update on the Sewerage and Water Board's information items and the various commitments and initiatives staff have made and a new item has been added to the agenda under tab 11) Follow-Up on Action Items from February 2014 Committee and Board Meetings. Staff is committed to following through with requests from the Board relative to meeting all goals and objectives.

Mr. Miller provided an update on the outline of the information items and he reported on the concerns brought up by the Board re: EEOC Activity Status Report. Currently all cases have been closed; no further action is needed at this time.



Mr. Moody thanked staff for providing more information regarding the EEOC Activity Status Report and for providing more information on the employee issues.

Following a discussion, the Board expressed concerns with the recent water and sewer fee increases and for the staff and the new Board to address utilizing manpower in a more efficient matter re: over-time issues and to look at how each committee should function, and to have another committee research how the Sewerage and Water Board could generate more sales of water. Also, for staff to revise the committee agendas, so that information is not received by more than one committee redundantly.

### **DBE Participation Report**

The report was received.

### **List of Contractors without DBE Participation**

The report was received.

### **Customer Service Results through January 2014**

The report was received.

### **Follow-Up on Action Items from February 2014 Committee and Board Meetings**

The report was received.

### **Tracking Tool for Commitments to the City Council**

The report was received.

### **EEOC Activity Status Report Y.T.D.**

The report was received.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:05 AM.

Very truly yours,

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Florence Schornstein  
Acting Committee Chair